

SENATE BILL 1123
By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 13, Part 2, relative to the death penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-202(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-203, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-204(a), is amended in the first sentence by deleting the language "to death,".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-204(e)(1), is amended in the fourth sentence by deleting the language "of death or".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-204, is amended by deleting subsection (g) in its entirety.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-204, is amended by deleting subsection (h) in its entirety.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-204(i), is amended in the first sentence by deleting the language "death penalty or".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-204(k), is amended by deleting the language "death,".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-206, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-207(a), is amended by deleting the language "does not seek the death penalty but".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-208, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all persons currently sentenced to a penalty of death. All persons sentenced to a penalty of death shall have their sentences commuted to life without parole.